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1. A corner block comprising:

a block body having opposed side surfaces, opposed end surfaces, a top surface and a bottom surface, at least two of said surfaces that are adjacent being textured; and

a channel formed in said top surface, said channel having a longitudinal axis extending parallel to said side surfaces, said channel further including an open end that extends through one of said end surfaces and a closed end that terminates short of the opposite said end surface, and said channel being defined by at least a front wall, a rear wall opposite the front wall, and a bottom wall, and wherein said channel is sized to receive therein a portion of an elongated retaining member extending parallel to the longitudinal axis of said channel.

2. A corner block according to claim 1, wherein said front and rear walls of said channel diverge away from each other from the bottom of said channel to the top of said channel, whereby said channel has an increasing width from bottom to top.

3. A corner block according to claim 1, wherein said channel has a depth adjacent said rear wall that is greater than a depth of said channel adjacent said front wall.

4. A corner block according to claim 1, wherein said two textured surfaces are one of said side surfaces and one of said end surfaces.

5. A wall structure having an exterior corner constructed from a plurality of corner blocks of claim 1.

6. A retaining wall, comprising:

a plurality of blocks arranged into courses and defining an exterior corner, and wherein at least one course at the exterior corner is formed from a plurality of subcourses of blocks.

7. A retaining wall according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of subcourses comprises first and second subcourses.

8. A retaining wall according to claim 6, wherein each said course at the exterior corner is formed from a plurality of subcourses of blocks.

9. A retaining wall according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of subcourses that form each course at the exterior corner have a combined height that is substantially equal to the height of the remainder of the course to which the subcourses belong.

10. A retaining wall, comprising:
a plurality of courses each comprising a first plurality of blocks forming an exterior corner portion and a second plurality of blocks forming a wall portion adjacent the exterior corner portion, each block of said first plurality of blocks and said second plurality of blocks including a channel formed in a top surface thereof; and
a reinforcement member retaining bar disposed within the channels in said second plurality of blocks, and at least a portion of said retaining bar being disposed within the channel of at least one block of the first plurality of blocks.

11. A retaining wall according to claim 10, further including a reinforcement member secured to said second plurality of blocks by said retaining bar, said reinforcement member extending into said channels of said second plurality of blocks.

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12. A retaining wall according to claim 10, wherein the channels of said second plurality of blocks are aligned with the channel of the one block of said first plurality of blocks.

13. A retaining wall according to claim 10, wherein said first plurality of blocks of at least one course comprises a plurality of subcourses of blocks.

14. A retaining wall according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of subcourses comprises first and second subcourses.

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